

REPORT OF THE FREMONT SCHOOL BOARD

The 2005-2006 school year has been a time of meaningful improvement at Ellis School. Over the summer months, and as the school year unfolded, the school board and administration worked diligently to implement cost effective improvements. We also examined staff assignments and curriculum with an eye on better educational outcomes without adding cost to the district. The board is pleased to offer this annual report that summarizes our school district activities.

A major administrative improvement is a reassignment/structural change in leadership. Principal **Kelli Killen** is now the principal for grades 5 through 8 and former Special Education Director **Dawn Lewis** is the principal for the integrated preschool program through 4th grade. By dividing the challenging role of a single principal for all grades into two positions, our principals can serve the district as grade specific educational leaders rather than fulfilling the broader role of an all encompassing school manager. This change also benefits the school district financially because two other positions, Student Management Administrator and Curriculum Director were eliminated and the former Special Education Director position was replaced with a lower cost Out-of-District Coordinator.

Other staffing changes included adding a new first grade teacher, transferring a preschool special education teacher to a grade 1 - 2 literacy position, adding a grade 5 – 6 literacy teacher, and eliminating three paraprofessional positions. These changes have improved literacy programs at Ellis School without adding substantial cost to the district.

The staff at Ellis School has worked hard again this year to bring successful educational experiences to our students. Our town and school community are truly fortunate to have a wonderful, nurturing staff that cares for and supports our children. They are willing to embrace and implement change while always seeking to serve our school district in meaningful ways.

Our **school construction project** was completed within budget and our community can be proud of our modern facilities including additional classrooms, a computer lab, age specific playgrounds, expanded parking, and a new athletic field.

Superintendent Barbara Munsey and the SAU14 staff have given us another year of exemplary service by providing countless hours of managerial, accounting, administrative, and school board support.

Finally, the School Board is thankful to have such wonderful support from our community and town offices:

- **The PTA** and its members for generously giving the precious gift of time, talent, and personal resources.
- Road agent **Guerwood Holmes** and the highway crew for doing a magnificent job of clearing snow from our expanded parking area.
- **Chiefs Heselton and Janvrin** for always responding quickly and supportively to any of the almost infinite challenges that present themselves to our school district.

- **The Board of Selectmen** for offering the ball fields for the school district to use for our year-end picnic and field day activities.
- **Our spirited citizens** who support public education by volunteering time, talent, and taxes to the worthy cause of preparing the next generation to go forth into our uncertain and ever changing world.
- **The Fremont Athletic Association** for donating new basketball hoops & backboards and for providing tireless volunteer support of our community sports programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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